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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The twenty-first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 17 May to 4 June 1999. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 17 May 1999 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the twenty-first session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its twenty-first session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 1 to 5 February 1999.

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee.

3. Election of the officers of the Committee.

4. Organizational and other matters.

5. Submission of reports by States parties.

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7. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies.

8. Methods of work of the Committee.

9. General comments.

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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

2. In accordance with rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure, the members of the Committee elected at the Seventh Meeting of the States parties to the Convention on 16 February 1999 will make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my poweers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

Item 3. Election of the officers of the Committee

3. In accordance with article 43, paragraph 9, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Committee shall elect its officers for a term of two years. In this connection, the Committee may wish to elect its Chairperson and its other officers.

Item 4. Organizational and other matters

4. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 5. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

Reports received

5. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-first session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 6 below), the Secretary-General has received the following initial reports:

State party	Due in	Symbol
Armenia	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.9
Burundi	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.58
Cambodia	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.16
Central African Republic	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.18

State party	Due in	Symbol
Côte d'Ivoire	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.41
Comoros	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.13
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.57
Dominican Republic	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.40
Djibouti	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.39
Georgia	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.4
Grenada	1992	CRC/C/31/Add.55
India	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.10
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.5
Kyrgyzstan	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.6
Latvia	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.22
Lesotho	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.20
Liechstenstein	1998	CRC/C/61/Add.1
Lithuania	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.21
Mali	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.53
Malta	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.56
Marshall Islands	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.12
Netherlands	1997	CRC/C/51/Add.1
Palau	1997	CRC/C/51/Add.3
Saudi Arabia	1998	CRC/C/61/Add.2
Sierra Leone	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.43
Slovakia	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.17
South Africa	1997	CRC/C/51/Add.2
Suriname	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.11
Tajikistan	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.14
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.36
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Isle of Man)	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.19
Vanuatu	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.8
Venezuela	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.54

6. The Secretary-General has also received the following periodic reports in addition to those scheduled for consideration at the twenty-first session:

State party	Due in	Symbol
Chile	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.13
Colombia	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.5
Costa Rica	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.7
Denmark	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.6
Egypt	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.9

State party	Due in	Symbol
Ethiopia	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.7
Finland	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.3
Guatemala	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.10
Jordan	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.4
Lebanon	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.8
Mexico	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.6
Norway	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.2
Paraguay	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.12
Peru	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.8
Portugal	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.11
Russian Federation	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.5
Yemen	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.1

Reports due

7. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the States parties whose initial reports were due by 11 March 1999 but have not yet been received are listed below.

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Bhutan	1 September 1992	6
Kenya	1 September 1992	6
Gambia	6 September 1992	6
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1992	6
Seychelles	6 October 1992	6
Brazil	23 October 1992	6
Angola	3 January 1993	5
Malawi	31 January 1993	5
Guyana	12 February 1993	5
Bahamas	21 March 1993	5
Dominica	11 April 1993	5
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1993	5
Mauritania	14 June 1993	5
Israel	1 November 1993	5
Estonia	19 November 1993	5
San Marino	24 December 1993	5
Zambia	4 January 1994	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1994	4
Bahrain	14 March 1994	4
Albania	27 March 1994	4
Cape Verde	3 July 1994	4
Equatorial Guinea	14 July 1994	4

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Niger	29 October 1992	4 1/
United Republic of Tanzania	9 July 1993	4 2/
Cameroon	9 February 1995	3
Republic of Moldova	24 February 1995	3
Papua New Guinea	31 March 1995	3
Greece	9 June 1995	3
Liberia	3 July 1995	3
Saint Lucia	15 July 1995	3
Monaco	20 July 1995	3
Turkmenistan	19 October 1995	3
Antigua and Barbuda	3 November 1995	3
Congo	12 November 1995	3
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	24 November 1995	3
Gabon	10 March 1996	2
Afghanistan	26 April 1996	2
Mozambique	25 May 1996	2
Uzbekistan	28 July 1996	2
Nauru	25 August 1996	2
Eritrea	1 September 1996	2
Kazakhstan	10 September 1996	2
Samoa	28 December 1996	2
Malaysia	19 March 1997	1
Botswana	12 April 1997	1
Qatar	2 May 1997	1
Turkey	3 May 1997	1
Solomon Islands	9 May 1997	1
Haiti	7 July 1997	1
Swaziland	5 October 1997	1
Tuvalu	21 October 1997	1
Singapore	3 November 1997	1
Tonga	5 December 1997	1

1/ A revised version of the initial report of Niger submitted in 1994 (CRC/C/3/Add.29), which would take into account the general guidelines for reporting was requested for submission by the end of 1994.

2/ A revised version of the initial report of the United Republic of Tanzania submitted in 1994 (CRC/C/8/Add.14), which would take into account the general guidelines for reporting was requested for submission by the end of 1994.

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Kiribati	9 January 1998	-
Niue	18 January 1998	-
Brunei Darussalam	25 January 1998	-
Andorra	31 January 1998	-
Oman	7 January 1999	-
United Arab Emirates	1 February 1999	-

8. The States parties whose second periodic reports were due by 11 March 1999 but have not yet been received are listed below:

State party	Date due
Bangladesh	1 September 1997
Belize	1 September 1997
Benin	1 September 1997
Bhutan	1 September 1997
Ecuador	1 September 1997
El Salvador	1 September 1997
Ghana	1 September 1997
Guinea	1 September 1997
Holy See	1 September 1997
Kenya	1 September 1997
Mauritius	1 September 1997
Mongolia	1 September 1997
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 1997
Senegal	1 September 1997
Sierra Leone	1 September 1997
Sudan	1 September 1997
Togo	1 September 1997
Viet Nam	1 September 1997
France	5 September 1997
Gambia	6 September 1997
Uganda	15 September 1997
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1997
Philippines	19 September 1997
Burkina Faso	29 September 1997
Indonesia	4 October 1997
Seychelles	6 October 1997
Zimbabwe	10 October 1997
Venezuela	12 October 1997
Nepal	13 October 1997
Mali	19 October 1997

State party	Date due
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	20 October 1997
Brazil	23 October 1997
Zaire	26 October 1997
Romania	27 October 1997
Malta	29 October 1997
Namibia	29 October 1997
Niger	29 October 1997
Belarus	30 October 1997
Chad	31 October 1997
Barbados	7 November 1997
Burundi	17 November 1997
Grenada	4 December 1997
Pakistan	11 December 1997
Uruguay	19 December 1997
Argentina	2 January 1998
Angola	3 January 1998
Djibouti	4 January 1998
Spain	4 January 1998
Panama	10 January 1998
Australia	15 January 1998
Malawi	31 January 1998
Yugoslavia	1 February 1998
Guyana	12 February 1998
Rwanda	22 February 1998
Côte d'Ivoire	5 March 1998
Cyprus	8 March 1998
Maldives	12 March 1998
Bahamas	21 March 1998
Dominica	11 April 1998
Madagascar	17 April 1998
Nigeria	18 May 1998
Lao People's Democratic Republic	6 June 1998
Jamaica	12 June 1998
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1998
Mauritania	14 June 1998
Slovenia	24 June 1998
Bulgaria	2 July 1998
Poland	6 July 1998
United Republic of Tanzania	9 July 1998
Dominican Republic	10 July 1998

State party	Date due
Sri Lanka	10 August 1998
Myanmar	13 August 1998
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16 September 1998
Cuba	19 September 1998
Ukraine	26 September 1998
Italy	4 October 1998
Croatia	7 October 1998
Israel	1 November 1998
Hungary	5 November 1998
Estonia	19 November 1998
Kuwait	19 November 1998
Republic of Korea	19 December 1998
San Marino	24 December 1998
Trinidad and Tobago	3 January 1999
Zambia	4 January 1999
Canada	11 January 1999
Belgium	14 January 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	14 January 1999
Lithuania	28 February 1999
Tunisia	28 February 1999
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1999

9. Under this item, the Committee will have before it notes by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were respectively due in 1992 (CRC/C/3), 1993 (CRC/C/8), 1994 (CRC/C/11), 1995 (CRC/C/28), 1996 (CRC/C/41), 1997 (CRC/C/51), 1998 (CRC/C/61) and 1999 (CRC/C/78). The Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the list of States whose first periodic reports were due in 1997 (CRC/C/65), and 1998 (CRC/C/70) or are due in 1999 (CRC/C/83).

10. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/86), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.11).

Item 6. Consideration of reports of States parties

11. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the twentieth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Tuesday, 18 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Barbados	(CRC/C/3/Add.45)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 19 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 20 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	St. Kitts	(CRC/C/3/Add.51)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	and Nevis	"
Friday, 21 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
Tuesday, 25 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Honduras	(CRC/C/65/Add.2)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 26 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Benin	(CRC/C/3/Add.52 and Corr.1)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 27 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Chad	(CRC/C/3/Add.50)
Friday 28 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Monday, 31 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Nicaragua	(CRC/C/65/Add.4)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"

12. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

13. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the twenty-first session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 7. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

14. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion of ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

Item 8. Methods of work of the Committee

15. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure

to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance.

16. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on areas identified by the Committee for technical assistance and advisory services (CRC/C/40/Rev.12). The Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a compilation of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee at its first to nineteenth sessions (CRC/C/19/Rev.9).

Item 9. General comments

17. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue the elaboration of general comments based on the various principles and provisions of the Convention.

Item 10. Future meetings of the Committee

18. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 11. Other matters

19. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

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